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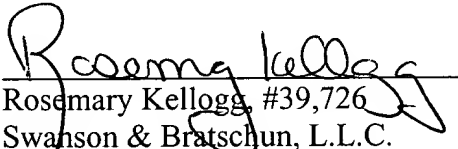
In response to the Office Action of May 13, 2005, claims 23 and 24 are canceled. Claims 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Keana *et al.*, U.S. Pat. No. 5,580,697 and claims 1-3, 8, 11-18, 21 and 25-31 were allowed. In the interest of furthering the prosecution of this case rejected claims 23 and 24 have been canceled. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application.

Applicant believes that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If it would be helpful to obtain favorable consideration of this case, the Examiner is encouraged to call and discuss this case with the undersigned.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefore to deposit account No. 19-5117 if not otherwise specifically requested. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing of this document or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to be charged to deposit account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 21, 2005

  
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